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SUBJECT: ROAD MAINTENANCE

REF: SINAI 504

1. SUBSEQUENT TO DATE OF REFTEL, SSM HAS SPOKEN BY TELEPHONE WITH CALLAWAY REGARDING OVERALL ROAD MAINTENANCE QUESTIONS. REMAINING ISSUES CAN BE WORKED OUT WITH LAYNE IN TEL AVIV OR CAIRO DURING HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP, SUBJECT OF SEPTEL.

2. REGARDING SUGGESTION NOTED PARA 3 REFTEL THAT SFM STAFF BE AUGMENTED TEMPORARILY TO CONTRACT DIRECTLY WITH LOCAL FIRMS, WE DO NOT CONSIDER THIS A FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, THE EXTENT AND NATURE OF SUCH CONTRACTING IS NOT PRESENTLY KNOWN. SECOND, RATHER THAN BEING LESS EXPENSIVE, SUCH A PROCEDURE WOULD ESSENTIALLY DUPLICATE THE SUPPORT FROM E-SYSTEMS WHICH WE NOW HAVE UNDER CONTRACT. ALSO, LACK OF CONSTRUCTION ORIENTATION SHOULD

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NOT PROVE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO PLACING SUBCONTRACTS, ONCE

NECESSARY ROAD WORK IS SPECIFIED BY SFM. KISSINGER

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